INSANITY IS NOT NOW **INCREASING**

Letter of Dr. Foster on This Subject.

GREAT NEED OF MORE SAFEGUARDS

is Too Easy to Put People in an Asylum Now,

DR. FOSTER EMPHATIC **UPON THAT SUBJECT**

He Says Phthisis is Increasing and Innoent People Are the Sufferers From the Arrangement of the Hospitals-Too Strenuous Life Often Causes Insanity.

statement recently made in the

the that insanity is largely on the sase in Virginia has aroused much rest, In a letter on this subject Suntendent L. S. Foster, of the East-State Hospital, says:
beg to say that my observation at hospital for the past four years has been such as to convince me that is any very great increase in introduced in a growing population. In the retroit of the superintendent of this hospital for the fiscal years ending the 30th. for a little more than three years far as my memory serves me I did have an application on file at that the There is no occasion for alarm in ginia. While insanity is increasing, population is also on the increase, i the increase in this disease is not portionately larger than in other ites. It will be some time before anier hospital will be needed if the proper hospital will be needed if the proprovision is made at the white hosals for the epileptics and consumptives, at is, to give each of these hospitals separate building for this class of parts, as stated in my last report.

SEREAD OF PHTHISIS. This is spreading daily, and is forced on innocent and helpless people by begroompelled, as our hospitals are now anged, to confine them in the same rots with those suffering from this dis-

idition to making this necessary

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no are quiet and tractable, discone, but we cannot get a friend live to take him and the consess we have to keep him.

MUST TAKE THEM.

The property of the consession of persons from 70 are of age, suffering from senile to the consession of persons from 70 are of age, suffering from senile to the consession of persons from 70 are of age, suffering from senile to the consession of persons from 70 are from the hope of recovery, and are room, we must take them, rowd but many that ought to be in the acute stage when the of recovery are so much more of num opinion the causes

which tend. either singly or in combination, to produce insaulty are too strenuous life, overworked or overtaxed body and brain, impaired physical health, trouble, anxiety, and I might mention a score of others.

The crowded condition of the Eastern State Hospital is due to the fire of last winter which destroyed one of our largest buildings, and I might add that this had something to do with the congested condition of the other two hospitals, as many from this section have applied and been received in both of these hospitals.

DR. DEJARNETTE WRITES, Dr. J. D. DeJarnette, assistant physician in the Western State Hospital at Staunton, wirtes as follows;

The puestion of an increase of insulty in Virginia has been received both in the press and the Legispature of the State. It is not an easy matter to decide whether there has been like fraits. The only available criterion is a comparison of the statistics of the hospitals for the insane for a term of years. And even these are pretty sure to be misleading when handled by one who is not familiar with all their defails. For instance, the annual reports of the four hospitals show that from these figures would be that there are now 1,287 insane persons at large in the State or in its jails, which is absurd.

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The explanation is that the list of applications received, but rejected during the course of a year are, at its close, transferred to the records of the succeeding year; and from this it would appear that during the blennial period there were two applicants for admission, while in reality the applicant in both cases was one and the same person. Again it may happen that an application may be made in succession to each of the three hospitals for white insane, and befing entered on the records of each of them, their annual reports would show apparently that there were three separate applicants where in fact there was only one. Thus in 1808 there were 622 and in 1802 there were 529 applicants for admission into the white hospitals, an apparent increase of 77. But this is misleading for the reason that after the fire at Williamsburg many of the insane from that section of the State applied for admission first to the Eastern and then to the Western hospital, each man or woman thus appearing as two on the

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Emperor Willie: Aw, Come on! what you 'fraid of? John Bull: I think there is a man behind the tree.

FINE SPEECH OF CAMERON

His Eloquent Address in Presenting Picture of Kemper.

HE WAS MISUNDERSTOOD

Not Glad the War Ended as it Did, and Remarks of Lee and Hunton Had Reference to Another Incident. Not to Him.

remarks made later in the evening by Generals Lee and Hunton.

honest; where faction and fanaticism found no congenial soil nor atmosphere; where a happy people obeyed the laws neddled not with the concerns of other folks, cultivated gentle manners and kindy feelings; did their duty in that state to which God had pleased to call them, and lived in peace and love with one another.

WORTH DYING FOR. "It was a country to be proud of. It was a blessed country to live in. It was a country to live in. It was a country

worth dying for!

"The ancestry of the men and women of that country were the pioneers of Christianity and civilization in the new world. At a later era 'twas they who inspired, formulared and achieved American independence, and they were the architects of the American Union and the authors of the chart of its powers and limitations.

"Their descendants inherited from these sages and statesmen a genius for government; an instinctive apprehension of those fundamental principles which constitute at once the sanction of all ruling authority and the boundaries of its power. They inherited a love for territy liberty. for constitutional obligation impatience of appression a us regard for the rights of, the positive credence in the doctr

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WARRIOR PRIEST GONE TO HIS REST

Death in New York City of Father Robinson, One of Stuart's Men.

Father Thomas Vincent Robinson died

IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

A Banquet at the Jefferson To-morrow Evening.

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

An Interesting Programme Arranged and Toasts to be Responded to by a Number of Distinguished Virginians.

to-morrow night. An interesting pro

By way of stimulating study along Revolutionary lines this society has recently offered a prize to the graduating class of the Virginia High Schools for the best essay on a revolutionary subject, the narticulars of which were published a few weeks ago.

The officers are: President, George Ben, Johnston, M. D.; First Vice-President, Colonel Francis Les Smith, of Alexandria; Second Vice-President, Colonel Francis Les Smith, of Alexandria; Second Vice-President, Captain W. Gordon McCabe; Registrar, Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., of Charlottesville; Secretary, Charles R. Robins, M. D.; Treasurer, W. Chase Morton.

THE NEW DEPOT

Stuart's Men.

Father Thomas Vincent Robinson died in the tides of ocean, obedient to their sway, have flowed and ebbed, since you, in which has no nahe, except in history, and which has been hotted out of the remaining of the tides of our souts, with the most precious spices of our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of the remaining our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of the remaining our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of the remaining our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of our souts, with the most precious spices from memory's storchouse, is all that which has been hotted out of the late Andrew Robinson, and grand-out of the late Andrew Robinson and grand-out of the late Andrew Robinson, and grand-out of the late Andrew Robinson and grand-out of the late Andr

February 20th. Mr. Eggleston will take for his subject "A Public Library and a Memorial Association for Farmville and Prince Edward county."

The Dramatic Club of the Normal School, recently organized, have begun to prepare for their next play, which they will give some time in March. At a meeting of the Town Council, held recently, the question of running the electric light plant all night, a subject of much concern to the patrons of the lights, was discussed at some length, but no definite action taken. It was, however, agreed that if the Normal School and the Norfolk and Western take the lights, paying anywhere in the neighborhood the extra cost for running the plant all night, which would be between twelve and fifteen hundred per annum, then the Council would consider the question of running lights all night. It is not likely that the Normal School will subscribe to the town lights, as it was but recently an electric light plant was installed at the Institution. The lights, however, are put out at ten o'clock.

o'clock.

The young alligators brought from Florida by Editor J. L. Hart and donated to the Normal School are attracting considerable attention among the students. The young ladies spent hours each day examining the creatures. They have not opened their mouths yet, and this seems to be the funniest feature about them, the girls say. When they get so large as to become dangerous they will be slaughtered and dissected.

Mr. R. L. Price, residing near Prospect, was greatly damaged by a terrific wind and storm recently. A large barn was unroofed, lodging in the middle of

WEEK'S EVENTS IN COUNCIL CIRCLES

Lack of Money Will Make the **Current Meetings Rather** Tame Affairs.

Tuesday, Committee on Printing, 8 o'clock; Committee on Improvement of James River, 8 o'clock, Thursday, Committee on Water, at 8

Friday, Committee on Police, Elections and Schools, 4:30 o'clock; sub-Street Committee, 4:80 o'clock; Committee on Streets and Shockoe Creek, 5 o'clock. Such is the schedule of meetings at the City Hall this week.

Owing to the fallure of the Committee on Finance to report the budget for this year, there is little doing in local councilmanic circles. . Every committee of the Council is more or less dependent upon the annual budget for existence, and until this has been reported and adopted by the Council and signed by the Mayor matters will continue dull.

Last week a number of meetings were held, but at no single one was the ex-penditure of a cent contracted for or even so much as recommended to the Council. The members realize that they have no money to their credit, while the treasury is equally as bare.

As is well known, all of the committees

have prepared a list of their needs for this year, and it is these estimates that are now engaging the attention of the are now engaging the attention of the Finance Committee. It is proposed to have the budget ready for the Common Council at its first meeting in March, and with this idea in view several ses-sions will be held between now and that

stons will be held between now and that time. Unless something unforeseen comes up the meetings this week promise to be uninteresting and uneventful.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Will Meet in Fredericksburg on March 25th.

BISHOP SMITH TO PRESIDE

Mr. Wagner, of Keyser, West Virginia Will Preach the Opening Sermon. Friday Night Card Club Pleasantly Entertained-Gossip.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 21.-The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. ednesday, March 25th. and lay delegates will number about 275

The revival at the Methodist Church has closed, the last sermon being preached at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. George T. Tyler, by Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, of the Baptist Church. There

preached at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. George T. Tyler, by Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, of the Baptist Church. There were three conversions as the result of the meeting.

Dr. R. J. Payne has been appointed by Judge R. H. L. Chichester as coroner for Stafford county to fill a vacancy.

CARD CLUB.

The members of the Friday Night Card Club, in the last meeting before Lent, was pleasantly entertained last night by Miss Lucilia Yates at the handsome home of her parents, on Lewis Street. Miss Carrie P. Moore, of Bon Air, near Richmond, won the first lady's prize and Mr. A. B. Yates the second. Mr. E. M. Young, Jr., won the first goalenants prize and Mr. S. G. Wallace the second. At the conclusion of the game dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. A. B. Botts is out again, after a severe attack of the grip.

Major W. S. Embrey and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kalimbach, who have been quite sick, are convalescing.

Mr. Z. P. Smith, district passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Rallway, of Richmond, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsh, of this city, attended a musical recital in Washington last night, in which their daughter, Miss Carline Hirsh, took part.

Captain Robert E. Lee, of Stafford, county, brother of General Fitz, Lee, of Richmond, and of Major John M. Lee and Captain D. M. Lee, of Stafford, who has been very ill at the Mary Washington Hospital here, is so much improved as to be able to go out occasionally.

Mayor O. M. Reiley and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Merriam, all of Phoenix, New York, have been the guests of Colonie E. D. Cole and family this week.

Mr. T. C. Sweet, of Phoenix, New York, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. S. A. Elms.

License to week has been recorded in

License to Wed.

A license to wed has been recorded in Washington by Mr. Jospeh A. Farley and Miss Einora H. Dollard, of this city. Mr. Farley lives in No. 20d East Leigh Street, and is a time-keeper. Miss Dol-lard lives in No. 14131-2 West Main Street.

MAY HAVE **CODIFYING COMMISSION**

Talk on This Line Resumed in Legislature.

LITTLE PROGRESS WITH THE WORK

Has Been Accomplished Under Many Difficulties.

ONLY TWO REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mistake Was Made In Not Having Commission Last Fall and Now it is Realized by All-Farmers Desire the Birds Sing and to

Plant Corn.

eral Assembly until next fall has been re-

arnestly considering it, and another is hemselves from their farms at the most ers, which is that of planting. But there is still another and perhaps more co-gent reason than all these for the prob-ability of a commission.

MADE SLOW PROGRESS.

pleted.

General laws of both bodies stand in the same category, while the House Committee on Roads is expected to show up shortly with its report on one branch of its work, that of corporations. And yet it cannot be said that the Legislature has idled away its time, for it is manifestly a working body. But it has had to contend with many drawbacks, not the least among them having been the now famous Campbell-Crawford investigation. Then, too, for one reason and another, there have been a number of recesses, and a large number of matters had to be attended to, which were not, strictly speaking, in direct contemplation of the call under which the body met in extraordinary session. nary session

MAY COME SHORTLY.

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It would not be at all surprising for the reasons given above should there be a Joint resolution presented in one House or the other almost any day, calling for the appointment of a commission, and another following this up, providing for adjournment until next November.

Mr. Lassiter, of Petershurg, showed some impatience the other day, when tried to commit the House to a final adjournment by May 1st, but the body refused to be committed, and accopted a substitute declaring it to be the purpose of the body to dispose of its work as speedily as might be found consistent with the public good.

If a commission resolution should finally prevail, it will likely be for three or live men, to be taken exclusively from outside the Legislature.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

The ladies having in charge the entertainment which was given at the Church of the Holy Comforter on Thursday night last are much indebted to their friends and the public generally for its financial

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Dr. Gardner's Subject.

At the Grace-Street Baptist Church Dr. Gardner will preach this morning on "Counting the Cost" and in the evening on "Christ's Vision of the Fall of Satan," was unable to reach the city.